THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 32; Numbers 11:24.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Deuteronomy 11:13-21.

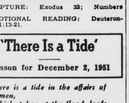
'There Is a Tide'

Lesson for December 2, 1951

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

SO Shakespeare said, and he was at least half right. Opportunity sometimes knocks twice; but don't count on it.

The Bible lesson for the week is a failure-story, not a success-story. It is the story of some persons who contracted the grasshopper complex, a mental disease that still attacks people today. The story is from the wild days when the Israelites, now many years out from Egypt, were first knocking at the doors of the Promised Land.



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The Israelites were land-hungry, but the only land they wanted was what we now call Palestine and it was not theirs for the asking. They would have to fight for it, every foot of it. They all knew this. Moses knew it. There was no going back to Egypt and slavery. Nobody wanted to stay in the desert. The obvious thing was to go ahead into Palestine. But there were two questions filling the people's minds: (1) What kind of country is it, really? and (2) can we fight our way into it?

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Investigating Committee

SO a committee of investigation was formed, of one man from each of the twelve tribes,—grown men, trusted leaders, by no means "boy scouts."

Don't think of these men as sneaking through Palestine from bush to bush; peeping out Indian fashion to see what they could see. They walked into Palestine, not unobserved but unmolested. They spoke Egyptian, of course, and could easily pass as Egyptian traveling salesmen. They spent around six weeks in that country, visiting the cities, no doubt talking with the people.

In late summer they went back to the encampment on the edge of the desert, carrying with them some of the fruits of the land. (Incidentally, those pictures showing bunches of grapes six feet long are a funny misunderstanding. Palestine has good grapes, but not quite that good! They carried the grapes on poles because that was the best way to keep them from being crushed.)

At the big mass-meeting at the desert camp, the twelve made their report. On the facts, they were all unanimous. It was a wonderful country, "flowing with milk and honey," a great country for cattle and bees. Palestine did look marvelous to their desert-burned eyes. But on question number two there was a serious division: Can we fight our way in? Yes, said the minority of two. No, said the majority of ten.

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Grasshopper Complex

THE majority put their reasons in a single revealing sentence: We were as grasshoppers in their sight, they said, and so we were in our sight.

Nowadays we call this state of mind the "inferiority complex"; our name is a new one for an old trouble. Think of yourself as a grasshopper, and grasshopper is what you shall be. Take yourself at other people's lowest estimate, and that is all you will be worth.

The trouble with the grasshopper complex is that it is catching. The majority report was wrong, as majority reports so often are. But the people believed them rather than the courageous pair who stood up to declare boldly, We can do it, with the help of God.

Well, what did God do about it? That is perhaps the saddest part of the story. He did nothing about it. He let the people impose their own sentence. Grasshoppers? Very well, so be it. Grasshoppers die, they never amount to anything, no one bothers to kill them, they just die. God was believed to strike men dead in anger, or command the earth to open and swallow up the wicked, or hurl lightning from the skies on his enemies. But he wasted no miracles on these self-elected grasshoppers. He only let them die. Ten, twenty, forty years . . . just drifting about in the wilderness, till they all died, and a new generation took their places.

Opportunity did not knock twice. There was a tide in those men's lives.

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PAMPLIN VICINITY

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Embra Davis during the holidays were her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ashford George, of Richmond; her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Mann, of Richmond and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Walker, of Burkeville, Va.

Mrs. Juddy Glover and daughter were visiting in Farmville Saturday. They were accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Greene, and Mr. Greene, who spent the week-end with them.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hubbard, Mrs. Ora Gallier, Miss Lois Hubbard, Mr. Samuel Hubbard, all of Richmond, Mr. Raymond Pettigen, of Washington and Maurice Hubbard, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, Mrs. Juddy Glover and Miss Bessie Ann Glover all called to see Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples at Evergreen on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Morgan, of Charlotte, N. C. visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buckles during the holidays.

All of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolley's children and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wood visited them during the holidays.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baldwin during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace F. Baldwin and son, Kirk, of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Alderson and children, Joan and Kent, of Carlyle, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sprouse and daughter, Linda Sue, of Sprouse's Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Baldwin and son, Freddie, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kahn, of Washington were also guests.

Mrs. Greene Garrette and Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell called to see Mr. and Mrs. Dave Childress Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover spent Thursday night with Miss Peggy Garrett.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Glover Baldwin during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kawalsky and daughter, Barbara Fay.

Pfc. Billy Baldwin left Saturday for California.

Mrs. Walter Cumby was the Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yeatts and son, Benny, from Kenbridge, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yeatts and son, Harry, Jr., of Farmville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Hubbard visited their daughter, Mrs. Flossie Wooldridge, of Nottoway during the week-end.

Those who called to see Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cumby during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tibbs, of Spring Mills, Va.; Harry Cumby, of Lynchburg; George Cumby, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 28.- Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr.and daughter were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spencer, of Lovingston Sunday.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry.

W. W. Thornhill and Miss Sarah McFadden were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reynolds were Miss Anna Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter.

Miss Eloise Smith, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Miss Laura Thornhill,Miss Mildred Thornhill, Paul Thornhill and Mildred Ann Thornhill were recently visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, of Roanoke.

Mrs. Lyle Davidson and children have returned to their home in Columbus, Ohio, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

Gloria Ann Lewis, of Elon spent last Sunday with Margaret Deaner.

Colored Dots

The general public is invited to attend a musical program given at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 P. M., by the Famous Kings of Harmony Singers. The program will eluminate the plate rally among the members of the church. Please come and enjoy an evening of music.

Plans have been completed for the Men's Day program at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church on the second Sunday in December at 3:00 P. M. The program will be sponsored by the Men's Club of the church. All friends are invited.

A few patrons attended the regular meeting of the P.-T. A. at the Carver High School last Monday evening. The meeting proved very interesting and helpful to those who attended. The consitution committee reported. This report was given by Professor James H. Clay, chairman of the committee. The December meeting will be postponed on account of the Christmas holiday.

Impressive services were held at the First Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor delivered an inspiring message. The offering was lifted by deacons J. A. Hamlet and R. T. Pankey.

Rayleigh Cheatham, of the Promise Land community is confined to his bed at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens, of Baltimore are spending this week as the guests of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Stevens.

Rosser Coleman, of Baltimore, is spending this week here as the guest of his father, deacon Charlie Coleman.

Mesdames Ruth and Annie Jones, Hazel Brooks and Helen Morgan, of Petersburg were the week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing.

Mrs. Ella Brown is improving after a recent illness.

Members and friends of Galilee Baptist Church are asked to attend services this Sunday at 11:30 A. M. Sunday School at 10:30 A. M.

Mrs. Massie Stevens, of Baltimore is spending some time at her home here.

Nov. 26, 1951

Editor, Times-Virginian,

Please give me a little space in your paper. I want to say a few words. I am thankful to the Lord for blessing me to see the 23rd day of November, 1951. That was my 81st birthday. I had a nice time in my home. Those present with me were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Jones and little Annie Jones, Crest Samuel Austin and Mrs. Austin, Mrs. William Wheeler. The Bible was read and prayer was offered. Ice cream and cake were served. I received many nice presents. May the Lord bless us and take care of us all.

Henry Phelps.

Duke rallies to defeat Carolina in annual game.

Oakville

Oakville, Nov. 27.- The Mt. Comfort MYF had a "Backward Party" Saturday night, Nov. 24, in their church recreational department. All came dressed backwards and everything was done in backward style. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis for the holidays were Pfc. Dan Lewis, of Fort Jackson, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Marshall, of Hamlin, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eversole, of Hazard, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Marshall, of Roanoke, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell and family, of Lynchburg.

Little Anne Martin, who has been sick, is better.

Mrs. E. B. Martin, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, of Kingsport, Tenn., has returned home.

Mrs. Maurice Williams and children spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin.

Richwood

Richwood, Nov. 27.- "They who forgive most, shall be most forgiven." —quoted.

Divine services at the Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh went to Lynchburg Monday afternoon on business.

John Wooldridge was the dinner guest Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and children, of Brookneal were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at Rocks Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pugh spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rush and Alfred Rush went to Lynchburg Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and family, of Lynchburg were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Alfred Rush is in a Lynchburg hospital at this writing.

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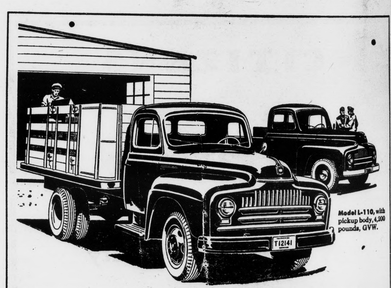

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lixburg

lixburg, Nov. 26.- Dr. Twyman Williams will fill his usual appointment at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church next Sunday, December 2, at eleven o'clock.

This church will greatly miss Mrs. E. Marshall and Mrs. Bessie Grinstead, who have recently moved into an apartment in Prospect.

Also, a loss to this congregation will be Mr. Billy Inge and family. They have bought a home near Appomattox, and will take possession soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson and children, Linda andTom, of Richmond spent Thanksgiving in the home of his father, Mr. Ernest Carson.

Miss Jessie Carson, of Buckingham Court House and Mr. and Mrs. Neral Carson and children, of Newport News, were also guests in that home.

Buddy Carson and Watkins McPhillips, students at Ferrum College were at home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Maggie and Mr. Willie Hix were visited during the holidays by Mrs. W. M. Erwin, Sr. and Sam Erwin, of Mount Ulla, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shuping, of China Grove, N. C; Mr. Harwood Hix, of Greensboro, and Miss Carrie Hix, of Richmond.

Major W. M. Erwin, Jr., of Scotts Field Air Base, Illinois was a recent guest in that home.

Mr. J. S. Alsop, of Thomasville, N. C., is expected in the neighborhood the week of December 8.

Tobacco markets opened Monday, and farmers are busy preparing to sell.

Better supplies of pork forces a drop in meat prices.

Concord

Concord, Nov. 24.- The Rev. G. E. Hughes will preach his farewell sermon November 26 at the Calvary Baptist Church. He has accepted a pastorate ne.ar Norfolk.

Mrs. C. R. Kearns, of Lynchberg, and John Hill, of North Carolina visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Steele on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harvey and daughter of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drinkard recently.

Mrs. M. M. Roberts visited this week in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Frank Wooldridge is spending some time in Norfolk with her daughter.

Negro Extension News

Due to the success of the Purebred Duroc gilt chain in Appomattox County, the 4-H Club members projects, Mr. John Grinels supplied the nucleus fund for the purchase of two Black Angus heifers. These heifers were purchased from the herds of Mrs. S. L. Ferguson and Judge Joel Flood, for a charitable sum Mr. Charles Moses, Sr. gave a polled Hereford heifer outright, for the completion of the project.

The plan and execution of this beef project chain is identical to that of the Duroc pig chain; wherein a 4-H boy is supplied with an animal, which he raises, exhibits, and breeds, the female offspring, then is given to another deserving 4-H member and so the chain continues.

In the way of further explanation and factual information, the pig chain has grown to 24 registered sows and 4 registered service boars. Further, over $4,000.00 has been realized from this project, as a sum total from all the 4-H project members involved. The two consecutive national winners, 1950 and 1951, Foster Lewis and Heywood Walker, carried the Duroc pig as their respective projects.

The 4-H members receiving these project chain heifers for this year are: Edward Walker, Roadside 4-H Club; Algie Williams, Carver 4-H Club, and William Forbes, Carver 4-H Club, who in addition to his outstanding work with the Negro project, raised 95.6 bushels of corn on one acre, for his 1951 project year's work (100 bu. content entry).

The agent and the recipients of the above-mentioned heifers are most grateful to the contributors.

SHORT COURSE FOR STATE DAIRYMEN

One of the most pressing problems facing dairymen—dairy cattle breeding and the physiology of reproduction—will be dealth with at a short course at V. P. I., January 7-10.

Paul M. Reaves, professor of dairying at the college, says that the course will cover the problems of difficult breeding of dairy cattle, inheritance of desirable and undesirable characteristics, herd management and reproduction, and various related problems.

He says the topics should be of interest to farmers, herdsmen, dairy service representatives and fieldmen, veteran trainees, and others whose work brings them into contact with dairymen and dairy cattle.

Members of the dairy husbandry staff, Dr. W. B. Bell, veterinarian, and others will serve as instructors.

More details are available from Paul M. Reaves, dairy husbandry department, V. P. I., Blacksburg.

The dairy department also announced plans for: a short course in market milk, February 4-15; ice cream making short course, February 18-29; nutrition school for feed men, February 20-22; and dairy fieldmen's conference, March 6 and 7.

The nutrition school is co-sponsored annually with the animal husbandry and poultry husbandry departments.

HOUSING SURVEY BULLETIN AVAILABLE

The kind of houses southern farm families would like when they build or remodel their farm homes, is told in a recently completed bulletin—result of extensive work in seven states below the Mason-Dixon.

Mrs. A. L. Dean, of the Virginia Experiment Station, who headed the work in this state, and who also served as chairman of the technical committee for the southern region, says the publication is the 14th in a series of southeastern cooperative project.

In Virginia, 250 farm families in the mountain and Piedmont regions took part in the survey. The interviews, Mrs. Dean says, were designed to provide information that will be helpful to people planning farm housing construction in this region.

Results of the survey show that most of the houses in which the families lived were of one - story frame construction with one or more porches. Seventy-two per cent of the homes had electricity, 33 per cent had running water, and 18 per cent a bathroom. Storage facilities were inadequate in over half of the present houses.

Through the questions asked in the survey the home economists were able to list the major needs and preferences of farm women in planning homes. The homemakers were almost unanimous in their desire for more adequate storage facilities. Almost all families wanted porches, usually an open front porch and a screened back porch. Thee-fourths of the homemakers interviewed preferred a one-story house.

Guests at me..als were a frequent occurence in most of the homes. About 90 per cent of the women wanted a dining room, but only 58 per cent of the present houses had dining rooms. Ninety per cent also reported that all or most of the family washing was done at home. Almost all families canned both fruits and vegetables, and most wanted space on a screened porch for the preparation of these foods for canning.

Tractor Maintenance Clinic Other 4-H Events Planned

About 60 older 4-H Club members and leaders from 25 counties are expected at V. P. I., December 10, 11 and 12 to take part in the state 4-H tractor maintenance clinic.

W. A. Turner, associte state 4-H agent at V. P. I. says the club members trained will then return to their counties to serve as project leaders for younger 4-H'ers.

They will receive both class and laboratory training. J. A. Waller, associate agricultural engineer at V. P. I., and service men from various tractor companies, will help with the clinic.

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State Horticultural Society To Be Host to National Group

The Virginia State Horticultural Society will be host to the American Pomological Society at its 56th annual meeting in Roanoke, January 7, 8 and 9.

John Watson, Staunton, secretary of the Society, said the program committees of the two organizations have arranged an "outstanding program.

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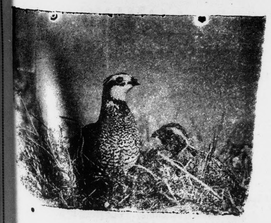

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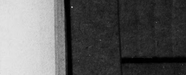
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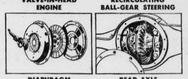
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